Amendments to the Claims

1.   Cancelled.

2.   (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method for managing an interposed reverse proxy ~~of claim 1, further~~ comprising the steps of:

        comparing within a markup language document, a host address for said markup language document and a codebase address for a code base supporting logic disposed within said markup language document;

        if said host address and said codebase address differ, concluding the presence of a reverse proxy obscuring from view a server source of said markup language document;

        retrieving a server affinity identifier for said server source from said applet; and

        responsive to said conclusion, attempting a tunneled connection to said server source through said reverse proxy by inserting said server affinity identifier in an address specified in said attempt.

3.   Cancelled

4.   (Original)   The method of claim 2, wherein said retrieving step further comprises the step of locating said server affinity identifier within a tag disposed within said applet.

5.   (Original)   The method of claim 2, wherein said attempting step comprises the steps of:

combining an address for said reverse proxy with said server affinity identifier and a string specifying a particular desired resource within said server source;

forming a hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) compliant request using said combined address;

encapsulating non-HTTP data within said HTTP compliant request; and,

forwarding said HTTP compliant request to said reverse proxy.

6 -7   Cancelled

8.   (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ system for managing a reverse proxy interposed between a client and server ~~of claim 6~~, the system comprising:

detection logic disposed within the client and programmed to detect the interposed reverse proxy by comparing host and codebase addresses embedded within content provided by the server; and,

simulation logic further disposed within the client, said simulation logic being responsive to said detection logic and programmed to selectively incorporate a server affinity identifier in requests addressed to the interposed reverse proxy to ensure re-routing to the server,

wherein said simulation logic comprises hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) tunneling logic for establishing a tunneled connection through the reverse proxy to the server.

9-11.   Cancelled.

12.   (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ machine readable storage ~~of claim 11,~~ having stored thereon a computer program for managing an interposed reverse proxy, the computer program comprising a routine set of instructions for causing the machine to perform ~~further comprising~~ the steps of:

comparing within a markup language document, a host address for said markup language document and a codebase address for a code base supporting logic disposed within said markup language document;

if said host address and said codebase address differ, concluding the presence of a reverse proxy obscuring from view a server source of said markup language document;

retrieving a server affinity identifier for said server source from said applet; and,

responsive to said conclusion, attempting a tunneled connection to said server source through said reverse proxy by inserting said server affinity identifier in an address specified in said attempt.

13.   Cancelled.

14.   (Original)   The machine readable storage of claim 12, wherein said retrieving step further comprises the step of locating said server affinity identifier within a tag disposed within said applet.

15.   (Original)   The machine readable storage of claim 12, wherein said attempting step comprises the steps of:

combining an address for said reverse proxy with said server affinity identifier and a string specifying a particular desired resource within said server source;

forming a hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) compliant request using said combined address;

encapsulating non-HTTP data within said HTTP compliant request; and,

forwarding said HTTP compliant request to said reverse proxy.